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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

Born: Charles Dickens, 1812.
Thomas A. Edison, 1847.
Died: Pope Pius IX, 1878.
Anne Radcliffe, (novelist), 1823.

Aaron Burr arrested, 1807.

A QUESTIONABLE KIND OF "SENTIMENT."

One of the bills before the legislature at Madison which will attract considerable attention is the railway bill introduced in the senate by Mr. Horace A. Taylor. If the bill were to "paddle its own canoe," or otherwise left to get through the legislature on its own merits, it wouldn't get out of the committee room alive. There is nobody but Mr. Taylor who is aching for the passage of his bill. There are no extortions rates about which the farmers or other shippers can find a reason for grumbling. In fact there is a cessation of hostilities between the railways and the people. The former are under pretty good control, with no desire to oppress anybody, and the latter get their goods and their stock and their grain shipped at rates that are reasonable and free from any hardship.

But all this counts for nothing in the mind of ambitious statesmen who want to pose as champions for the people, when they can't win wide popularity by well tried ability and personal worth, they try other schemes to reach the position of heroes. It may be something of this kind that induced the author of the railway bill to engage in the manufacture of public sentiment—not for the bill—but for himself. His scheme is one which probably is the best he could think of, but it will hardly make him a hero. He got up a little circular, sent it to a large number of farmers, urging them to sign a petition for the passage of his bill. Here is a copy of it:

Wisconsin Legislature, Senate Chamber: I enclose you a copy of a synopsis of the bill "to regulate railroad tariff," now pending in the senate. The bill has been carefully prepared, and is a measure that it is believed, if enacted into law, will do equal justice to both the railway companies and their patrons. If you approve of the bill, will you not take the trouble to circulate petitions in its favor, and send them to your senator or member of assembly, or to myself, on or before the middle of February? If you send in petitions please advise me who you send them to.

Truly yours,

H. A. TAYLOR.

The bill is not so much to "regulate railroad tariff," as it is to regulate Mr. Taylor's future political prospects. That is the real meaning of the bill which one sees written quite plainly between the lines. When the person receives the circular letter, he reads it carefully over, and if he is easily influenced by the ambitious appeals of others, he signs the following petition which is manufactured at Madison and sent out with the circular letter.

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Wisconsin: Your petitioners, believing that further legislation is necessary to properly protect the producer and shippers of the state from unreasonable and unequal charges imposed upon traffic by the railway companies, respectfully ask that you enact a law that will apply, as far as practicable, the principles of the inter-state commerce law to traffic in the state, and provide further for a board of commissioners to enforce the laws and act as impartial arbitrators at the railroads and the public.

Some people may laugh at this brilliant scheme of a statesman, but they must remember that it is as brilliant an idea as some men can give the world, and they imagine it is fraught with brains and born to success. But the sober sense of the people will wonder why such a great reform as Mr. Taylor seeks to inaugurate, needs to be fostered and petted in the fashion he has adopted. The answer to this is, if left to the spontaneous sprouting of the people, it would never see daylight.

Senator Stewart not only has faith in the power of money but in the virtue of his slavery as well. He has had printed and is sending away 120,000 copies of his speech entitled "Money Answers Everything." Money seems to answer everything in Nevada, Colorado, and California, especially doth it answer everything when a man is a candidate for the senate.

Jeff Davis has written an article for the North American Review entitled "Who was to Blame for Andersonville?" Well, those who have read history and know anything of the subject say that Jeff Davis was as much to blame as anybody.

INCOMES OF RULERS.

The late Emperor William is credited with having saved \$12,000,000 out of his public allowance.

Switzerland gets along pleasantly with a President who is satisfied with the modest salary of \$3,000 a year.

The Czar of Russia is credited with receiving \$12,250,000 and upward from his domains, but upward is an unlimited term.

The King of Prussia (Emperor of Germany) is not badly fixed. The Kingdom of Prussia pays him \$125,000, and besides this he has immense private domains.

The King of Servia had a pretty tough time in governing his petty kingdom of less than \$200,000. He and his kin cost the little limited monarchy \$200,000.

The ruler of Bavaria is allowed only \$1,307,040 a year, and out of this sum he may be paid for clothes and provisions for his family and to keep them supplied with pocket money.

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THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE.

The Elmore-Gray Contest Settled In Favor of Assemblyman Gray.

Legislative Opposition to the Beef and Pork Packing Trust.

Some Very Important Measures Introduced and Considered in Both Houses.

Special to the Gazette.

MADISON, February 7.—In the house this morning the contested election case of Elmore vs. Gray was decided in favor of Gray.

A petition was presented in the assembly this morning against the passage of the Taylor's railroad bill.

The assembly concurred in a resolution appointing a special committee of five assemblymen and three senators to meet in convention with other committees from other legislatures in a convention, to take action against the beef and pork trusts.

Among the bills introduced were the following:

Authorizing the Sault Ste Marie and Southwest Railway Company to build a bridge across the Chippewa and Escanaba rivers, in the city of Eau Claire.

To authorizing Justice of the Peace to appoint and employ clerks.

To reduce street railway fare in cities of fifty thousand inhabitants or more to 3 cents.

A large number of bills of a local interest to Milwaukee were passed under suspension of rules, including one to impose a tax of one-fiftieth mill on all taxable property in that city to meet expense of Grand Army encampment next year. It will provide a fund of fifty thousand dollars.

In the senate, among the bills introduced were the following:

Amending the laws in relation to the state treasury account, and reducing fees to 33½ per cent of total collections.

Abolishing the State Board of Charities and Reforms, and transferring the duties to the State Board of Supervision.

Providing for soldier's Memorial hall and making contingent appropriations therefor.

Providing for printing ballots at public expense, and to regulate voting at state and municipal elections.

—ALBANY.

—Chas. Carroll, of Cresco, Iowa, visited relatives here and at Janesville the past week.

—Sam'l Jackson, of Monroe, visited Albany on business.

—James Lindstrom, of Evansville, was in town Friday on business pertaining to his farm, situated in the northern part of town.

—Mrs. Henry Bancroft, daughter of Kutter and son George Bancroft, of Trinidad, Colorado, who have been visiting with George Bancroft's family for the past month took their departure on Wednesday. Mr. Bancroft and daughter are en route for their home in Colorado, and Mr. Bancroft for Salt Lake City, Utah, where he contemplations following the legal profession.

—Mrs. Charles Campbell, is dangerously ill at the Nichols House. Since last Tuesday her life has been despaired of, and it has been thought by her friends that the end was near. Her trouble is that of heart disease and other complications sympathetic by nature, from which there seems to be no hope of relief. Alfred Campbell, an elder son, from Miles City, Montana, arrived on Saturday in response to a telegram requesting his presence here.

—Mrs. E. Bowen, of Brodhead was a visitor on Saturday at the Nichols House.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hasinger of Brodhead, were visitors over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jobes.

—Mrs. H. Bowen was severely attacked with rheumatism on Thursday night at her rooms in the Nichols' House. At this writing she is much improved.

—Wm. Brough on has nearly recovered from his nine months' siege of sickness, and is now ready to attend the lighter duties on the farm.

—Wm. Gnid, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in town on Friday evening for a brief visit with relatives here. Mr. Gnid has been for a term of years an active representative of the Minneapolis Harvester Works.

—Dr. Herr, of the Tabancule church, Milwaukee, will conduct the revival meeting at the Baptist church this week.

—Prof. S. R. Bassett, lecturer, who assumed a term of duty here by a favor of Prof. F. A. Montague, and died last year, and car, at the Nichols House. His confinement may not exceed two months.

—Packers have been busy the past week securing lots of an inferior quality.

—L. H. and E. F. Warren are skidding in a large supply of oak, walnut and basswood logs to be converted into lumber.

—Grange hall is being enlarged.

—The lodge room of F. and A. M. has been decorated in fine style and new carpets added.

—Miss A. R. Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. E. J. Montgomery, will start for Tampa, Fla., in a few days to join Mr. Montgomery, who has resided there for the past three years.

—Mrs. Grace Hills, of Brodhead, is staying for a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, for much needed rest and recuperation.

—A series of revival meetings have been in progress since Monday of last week in the M. E. and Tabancule churches, with signs of encouragement to continue the good work.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Mr. Daniels Criticizes the Civil-Service System.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Senate bill granting to the Big Horn Southern railway company a right of way across the reservation in Montana was reported and passed. Mr. Chandler offered a resolution which was agreed to calling on the Secretary of the Interior for a statement as to any injury given to him for cutting timber in the Clark river timber reservation within the La Pointe agency.

The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Chandler, instructing the committee on appropriations to investigate the matter of naval officers' claims, was taken up, and after a long debate the resolution went over without action, and the executive and judicial appropriation bill.

Mr. Hawley's amendment to increase the civil force of the civil-service reform commission was again the subject of debate.

Mr. Cockrell answered the speech made by Mr. Plumbe yesterday, criticizing the civil service under the present administration.

He denied that the railway service rule was put under the civil service rule in order to accommodate the incoming administration.

Mr. Daniels opposed the amendment. He said that he did not desire to burden the incoming administration by increasing the civil service. He declared the whole thing a farce and in opposition to the intentions of the founders of the government.

After further debate the Senate, at 4:30, adjourned.

—THE TERRITORIES.

An Admission Bill Considered by the House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The House committee on Territories held their regular meeting this morning and took final action on the bill for the admission of Utah and the Omnibus bill, providing an enabling act for the admission of the Territories of Idaho, Wyoming, and Arizona.

The bill was voted down, although it was decided, although not unanimously, in regard to the Utah matter, to appoint a sub-committee of five members, with Representative Springer as Chairman, to draft a report to the effect that owing to the lateness of the session it would be impracticable to submit the bill to the Senate.

The sub-committee was authorized to make its report exhaustive, in order to bring to the public the benefits of the hearings held by the committee on the proposition to admit the Territory.

This report will be submitted to the full committee as soon as it is finished. The committee decided to report favorably on the omnibus bill, except that the bill was practically unanimous in its opposition to this proposition, although one or two members of the committee expressed themselves as opposed to the omnibus system, and preferred the admission of the various interested Territories singly.

—THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Adoption of the Conference Report on the Bill by the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The House, after a long debate, agreed to the conference report on the Nicaraguan canal bill by a vote of 177 to 60 to 60. Mr. Chapman (Mich.) made the principal speech in favor of the bill, declaring that the House of Representatives had not been fully informed of the facts.

The points of difference between the two houses were added to the bill on the understanding that the United States should isolate itself and keep free from entangling alliances. This day, he said, had passed. The attempt to make it impracticable for American enterprise to plant itself in that region of Central America with the endorsement of this Government. We have put ourselves where, though we may not be pecuniarily liable, we shall be morally responsible for the safety and protection of great American interests, and we shall do our best to spread our country over the world.

He hoped that this step was only a prelude to the day when the flag shall wave over the State of Nicaragua as a State of the United States of America.

—TO JOIN KIMBERLY'S FLEET.

The Steamer Mohican Ordered to Sail to Samoa.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Orders have been issued at the navy department for the dispatch of the United States steamer Mohican from San Francisco to Panama, where she will take on board a crew of officers and men and sail for Samoa to join the fleet under Admiral Kimberly. Her officers and men will be detailed at New York and sent to Aspinwall by a Pacific Mail steamer, with the exception of the commanding officer, who will be detailed at Panama.

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OUR MOCKING BIRD.

The Sweet Warble of the Little Bird Wakes up Beloit's Funny Man.

The Beloit Free Press Comments on the Steam Whistle.

The Beloit Free Press was awakened by the warbles of the "mocking bird" whistle on Saturday evening. Last evening the funny column of that paper contained this item:

"Janesville has got a "mocking bird" and yet the people aren't one-half-satisfied with this "mocking bird" the people of the far south where the mocking bird is one of the natives, Janesville's "mocking bird" sang its first sing last Saturday night about 11 o'clock, and before it had got up to E there were the scaredst lot of men, women and children in that village that ever tumbled over each other in their efforts to find a place to hide in. But when it rapidly run up and down the gamut a few times and finally struck on the high C, it excited a thrill so soul-thrilling that even Lawyer Doe was struck with paralysis and Captain Norcross fell down and promised he would never do some more if he was pardoned this time, while Stanley Smith actually affidavit that he would never get married again if he was only permitted to come alive. And it is said for a fact that Blas trembled so that the skating rink he had been so long maintaining on the top of his head was extended clear down to his collar all around. Before the "bird" had warbled its first stanza every member of the fire department had crawled into a water main for safety, preceded by Marshal Hogan. As the "bird" let go its hold on C and descended to the lower notes, the only O'Donnell gave himself up for lost and on his knees swore if he was spared to return to Madison he'd never put Jeffris' light out again at a convention. For an hour or more the "bird" warbled its wild, weird lay, until the whole little city-folk was in a comatose condition, or words to that effect. Indeed so comatoso were Brand and Spencer, the Meyer and McAlpine of the burg, that 96 hours after, they are still in such a dazed, lethargic condition that they are unable to call each other hars in diabolical language. And all that and much more, just because of the unexpected midnight warble of a mocking bird, though the truth requires the explanation that the Janesville "mocking bird" was a steam fire alarm whistle called by that name. The people of that city had complained so bitterly that they could not hear the firealarm bell and thus lost the pleasure of seeing their neighbors' houses burn down, that the city council determined to put in a whistle that could be heard, The first test of the "mocking bird" was made last Saturday night, with effects as faintly described. The city, however, is liable to be melted in heavy damages if the assertions of farmers in Turtle, Avon and LaPrairie, that every horse in the towns mentioned was founedered and every cow dehorned by an unearthly noise Saturday night are proven true. The strangest effects of all, however, is the song of that night bird was the profound shudder in which the Goldin and Clark McGowan indulged in during the entire concert."

BRIEFLETS.

An adjourned meeting of the common council will be held this evening.

One room in the second ward school was closed to-day on account of low temperature.

Ed. W. Griswold, of Racine, was among the guests at the Terpsichorean party last evening.

The benefit presentation of "Camille" by local talent will be given on Thursday evening February 28th.

Mayor and Mrs. John Winsor entertained the Whist Club last evening at their pleasant home in the third ward.

Prof. D. S. Smith formerly of Racine college, is dangerously ill at the hospital with congestion of the brain.

Janesville Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, assemble in regular semi-monthly convocation this evening at Masonic hall.

Miss Florence Ogden, have gone to Chicago, where they intend spending a week with friends.

WOMEN WITH PALE COLORLESS FACES who feel weak and disengaged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

THE WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. I. G. Calkins, South Jackson St. on Friday at two o'clock p.m.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Christian entertained a pleasant party, a progressive euchre at their home No. 57 North Jackson street.

The damage to Mr. Thomas Murphy's barn, caused by the fire on the evening of January 12th, has been adjusted by the insurance company at \$118.00.

The Ciceronian Club's series of dancing parties has been revived and the next party will be given at Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening, February 16th.

The Odd Fellows and their families and invited friends will join in a social dance at Odd Fellows hall on Saturday evening. Invitations shown at the door.

There was a time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, when this sort of thing wouldn't go, when a gentleman at a party with a partner was forced to play wall flower. Where the blame rests to-day one need not attempt to tell. Perhaps if the young ladies would resent neglect by ignoring those who show so much selfishness, a change for the better might be inaugurated."

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